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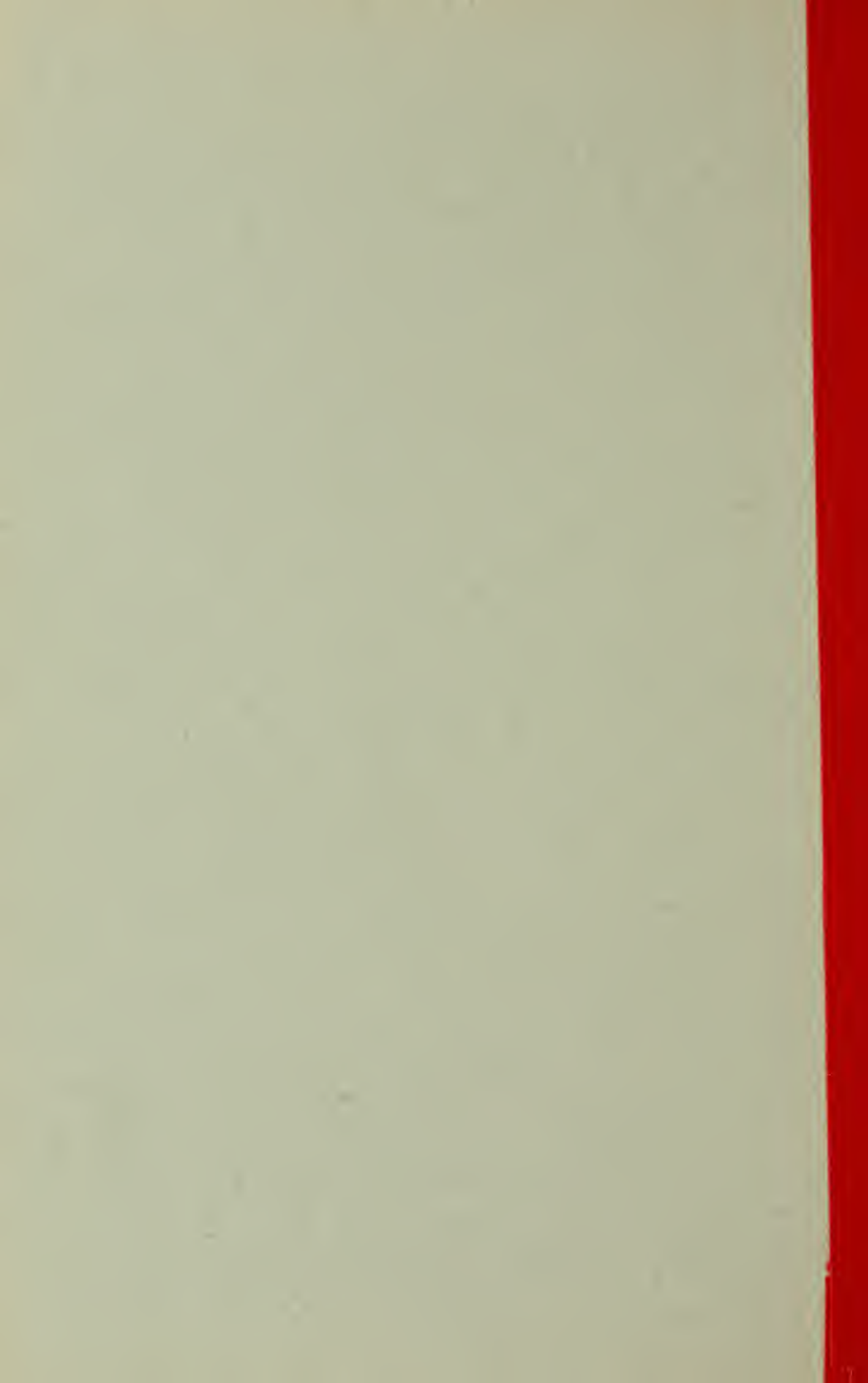
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The Stamp-Act repealed, the 8th of February, 1766.

HARTFORD, April 11, 1766.—XII. o'Clock.

Just now came to Town, a Gentleman from New-Haven, who brought the following in Writing, which he received from an Express, at New-Haven Yesterday, who was on his Way from Philadelphia, to Boston, carrying the News of the Repeal of the Stamp-Act. We sincerely congratulate the Public on these agreeable Tidings.

Baltimore-Town, (Maryland) April 5, 1766.

GENTLEMEN,

CAPT. Leonard Brooks arrived Yesterday at 5 o'Clock P.M. in Patuxet River, from Messrs R. and J. Days, eminent Merchants in London, trading to this Province, who wrote Mr. George Maxwell of the 8th of February, 1766. We send you enclosed a Letter from Mr. Maxwell, which, as he is a Gentleman of Veracity and Character, may be credited—as follows,

Benedict, April 4, 1766.

Dear Sir,

Capt. Brooks is arrived—he has brought no Papers with him, but Messrs R. and J. Days, write me of the 8th of February, 1766.—We sincerely congratulate you on the Repeal of the Stamp-Act, which Thanks be God is just now resolved here, by a great Majority in Parliament.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours, &c.

GEORGE MAXWELL.

This Letter brought from Patuxet this Morning, just now come to Hand: On Receipt of it, our Sons of Liberty assembled, and ordered their Committee to send off an Express, with this agreeable News to Philadelphia, to be from thence forwarded to your City, on which we sincerely congratulate you, and every Well-wisher to the Liberty and Property of America.

We are, with Respect,

Gentlemen, your Humble Servants,

Patrick Allen,

Robert Allen,

D. Chauncy,

Thomas Chace,

Robert Alexander,

John Moul,

William Smith,

William Luce.

New-Haven, 10th April, 1766.—Half past 11 o'Clock, A. M.

The above is a Copy of what was received by an Express from New-York, and immediately forwarded towards Hartford.

Report of the President

As usual, I will report to you on the general activities and conditions of The Connecticut Historical Society and will leave to the Director the reporting of the detailed activities of the past year.

In general it has been in my opinion a satisfactory year. Our membership has grown moderately and our meetings have been rather well attended. The *Bulletin* has received a comfortable number of favorable comments. Both of these activities show that we are on the right track in varying the topics which are treated. The special exhibits have attracted most favorable attention and Mr. Warren deserves great credit for the ability he has shown in securing for us the loan of desirable items to supplement our own collections.

We have increased during the year our library and museum by desirable additions. We have been especially fortunate in acquiring several unique items, both broadsides and books, for the library. These naturally add prestige.

An important activity this past year is still in the preliminary stage. It is the assumption of custodianship of the State House and is perhaps the most radical undertaking in the many years of the Society's life.

The State House is the only important structure of the eighteenth century in Hartford which has survived. In 1918 its existence was threatened by suggestions that its site had valuable commercial possibilities. Fortunately, public-minded citizens, both men and women, led by Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley, raised the money needed to restore it. Since then it has been a tempting structure for many uses, for no thought-out program for its use was ever developed.

Your officers, with the approval of the Standing Committee of the Society, proposed to the Hartford City Manager that the Society be appointed custodians of the building and the grounds, and be allowed to operate it as an historic museum with the City of Hartford continuing to maintain the structure. Many months elapsed before agreement on this proposal was reached. Technical difficulties, natural in adapting a building of 1796 to modern safety regulations, seemed at one stage to effectually block the plan, but at last everything was settled and we are now custodians.

At this stage it seemed wise to have a special committee to as-

sume direction of the Society's activities at the State House and the original group of officers, President Newton C. Brainard, Vice-President Charles S. Bissell, Chairman Houghton Bulkeley was augmented by the following who will decide the necessary details of operation: Miss Beatrice Cook, Miss Florence S. M. Crofut, Mrs. Harold G. Holcombe, Melancthon W. Jacobus, Richard T. Steele and James M. Thomson.

Only one point has been settled definitely. Your President has volunteered to furnish the Council or Senate Chamber as a memorial to the many members of the Brainard and Bulkeley families who have served their State and City in this building. Our task has received wonderful help by the generous support of owners of some of the original chairs used in this room. After one hundred and sixty-four years, 12 chairs out of twenty-two, and 4 window stools out of ten have returned to their original home. The State of Connecticut has joined with private owners to make this possible.

One cannot omit mention of the interest and skill of Mr. Harold Margolis, of the Nathan Margolis Shop, in planning the construction of the unique desk and the tables and restoring the chairs.

The opening of the building to the public is still some way off, but I feel confident of its success and that the public will give the Society credit for their willingness to assume this responsibility as a public duty.

In previous reports I have spoken of my conviction that our most important activity should be the proper cataloguing and indexing of our immense collection of manuscripts and documents. This work was inaugurated during the past year and the results make me feel that I did not overestimate its importance. It will continue during the coming year.

Our physical properties have come through the year well, although at first we were greatly concerned as to the effect, on our grounds, of the construction work on the new Asylum Avenue Bridge. We lost many trees for which we were compensated by the Hartford Flood Commission. When the spring planting is done, we now feel that the damage will be minimized. We are still concerned at the rumors of a Park River boulevard running north and south, with possible clover-leaf access roads and other modern traffic gadgets.

Most libraries and historical organizations rely today on groups of members who have been organized into the "Friends of this or

that," the purpose of which is to encourage contributions, beyond the usual dues, for enlarging the funds available for purchases or, in some cases, maintenance. We have never tried such a plan but have been helped greatly by voluntary gifts. This year, in addition to bequests from the Pinney, Holcombe and White estates, we have received ten gifts of one hundred dollars or more from Miss Florence S. M. Crofut, Mrs. Albion B. Wilson, Edgar F. Waterman, Lyonel H. Putnam, Frederick K. Manross, Frederick K. Barbour, Henry E. Sage, an anonymous foundation, Rotary Club of Hartford and What in the World (radio program). In addition, fifteen others have aided with gifts of varying amounts.

Our collections have again benefited by the generosity of members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Barbour have made important additions to the exceptional collection of Connecticut furniture which they have deeded to us.

These bequests are of the greatest importance to us, for our work can only be carried on by an assured income from our invested funds, and, of course, it must be curtailed if that income lessens.

In our investment portfolio we have generous holdings in low-yielding securities. Some people have wondered why we do not sell these and increase, perhaps even double, the present income from them. These critics overlook the fact that we are an institution expecting to carry on our activities for years to come. The higher-income securities suggested for purchase are mostly those without possibilities of growth. If an inflationary trend continues, our income will not keep pace with it. Fortunately, the low-income investments, largely local, have kept pace with the times, both in income payments and market values. We have, at times, sold some of these to provide funds for such items as our buildings. Our needs have been met but our financial position has not been strengthened.

In the past our members and friends have been generous. We must all make an effort to interest new donors so that we may advance rather than lessen our activities.

Under our Director, Thompson R. Harlow, our operations, as usual, have been conducted with great skill. The highest testimonial which I can give to the other members of the staff is that they have been so efficient that the President has only had to watch and never to interfere.

NEWTON C. BRAINARD, *President*

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STUART MEAD BAILEY

Stuart Mead Bailey, a member of this Society since December 5, 1950, died at Baltimore General Hospital on June 10, 1959. He had been with the Totty Trunk and Bag Company in Baltimore and New York for thirty-three years.

Mr. Bailey was born in Washington, D.C., February 10, 1880, the son of Ezra Hann and Mary Elizabeth (Badham) Bailey. Orphaned at an early age, he was placed in an orphanage in Baltimore. The McDonough School gave scholarships to children of Civil War veterans, and Stuart Bailey was able to attend the school, a place to which he was always devoted and to which he returned many times throughout his life. At sixteen, the top age for boys in the McDonough School, he was forced to leave to find work. Combining jobs and a night-school course in law proved exceedingly difficult, and Mr. Bailey had to give up hopes for a further education. He married Elizabeth Nichols of Howard County, Maryland, on June 15, 1904. In 1916 he joined the Totty Trunk and Bag Company as salesman of their wholesale merchandise, remaining with the firm until his retirement in 1947. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution through his Bailey ancestors of Groton, Connecticut, and was eligible for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mr. Bailey is survived by two sons; Rollin S. Bailey and Warren Lee Bailey, a daughter, Mrs. Frederick F. Stoddard, and four grandchildren.

FLORENCE E. BARRETT

Miss Florence E. Barrett, who became a member of this Society December 21, 1953, died at her home in West Hartford on March 21, 1960. She was former Advertising Manager of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Miss Barrett, daughter of James Barrett and Sarah (Baker) Barrett was born July 1, 1880, in Somerville, Massachusetts. She attended Brookline High School, and was graduated from Radcliff College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Class of 1903. In 1918 she was appointed Advertising Manager of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, a position she retained until her retirement in 1949. Miss Barrett had been a resident of West Hartford 42 years,

and her membership in organizations included the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Town and County Club, and the League of Women Voters. She also belonged to the Hearing League of Hartford.

Miss Barrett is survived by a brother, Harold James Barrett of Darien.

ROBERT ALLEN BOARDMAN

Robert Allen Boardman, who became a member of this Society November 6, 1951, died at his home in West Hartford, November 4, 1959. He had been Vice-President of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company until his retirement in 1950.

Mr. Boardman was born in Hartford November 20, 1875, the son of Charles and Margaret (Allen) Boardman. He was graduated from Yale University in 1897, and was a resident of South Windsor from 1913 to 1931 where he was Town Treasurer for 23 years. In 1894 Mr. Boardman joined the First National Bank of Hartford, becoming Vice-President and Director and continuing as Vice-President after it merged with the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company. He was also a Director of the Dime Savings Bank of Hartford, and a former Director of the American Union and Central Unions Insurance Company of Hartford.

Closely connected with both South Windsor and Hartford, Mr. Boardman was Treasurer of the South Windsor Cemetery from 1915 to 1958, and a Trustee of Funds of the South Windsor First Congregational Church for 45 years. He was a past Master of Evergreen Lodge, AF and AM, South Windsor; and a member of the Yale Club of Hartford, the Hartford Club, Civitan Club, County Y.M.C.A and the Hartford Y.M.C.A.

He was married to Bessie Hunter who died November 10, 1959, six days after the decease of her husband. Mr. Boardman is survived by a son, David Hunter Boardman of West Hartford; a daughter, Mrs. William F. Peck of East Windsor Hill; and twin grandchildren, Miss Nancy Sharps Peck and Robert Boardman Peck.

JOHN OWEN BRIGGS

John Owen Briggs, a member of this Society since April 6, 1954, died at his home in Boston on June 8, 1959. He had been Regional Director of Sales for American Airlines in Boston, and was former District Sales Manager for the organization in Hartford.

Mr. Briggs was born in Riverside, Illinois, on April 17, 1906, the son of Clare and Ruth (Owen) Briggs. He joined the Hartford staff of American Airlines in 1931, and in 1936 was appointed Sales Manager here. In 1948 he was made Regional Director of Sales, with offices in Boston, and was also at one time affiliated with American Airlines in Newark, New Jersey, and Glasgow, Scotland. During World War II, Mr. Briggs served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Transport Command, in the United States and India. Always intensely interested in fine printing, he was, at the time of his death, working on *Early Maps of Connecticut*, a keepsake for the Columbiad Club of which he was a member. This was a paper read by Edmund B. Thompson at a meeting of The Connecticut Historical Society, November 4, 1941. The composition of the Columbiad pamphlet was completed by Virginia Sherwood Briggs, in memory of her father, and it was printed at the Art Laboratory, Wesleyan University, where Mr. Briggs' types and press are now located.

Mr. Briggs is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Briggs; his daughter, Virginia Sherwood Briggs; his mother, Mrs. R. O. Briggs; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah B. Lewis of Storrs, and Mrs. William B. Metzger of Leesburg, Virginia.

MRS. WILLIAM H. COLEMAN

Mrs. Edna (Wilcox) Coleman, who became a member of this Society February 3, 1948, died at Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1958. Her home was Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where her husband, Doctor William H. Coleman, is Vice-President of Bucknell University.

Mrs. Coleman was born in Mystic, December 26, 1884, the daughter of Rowland H. and Clara (Matthews) Wilcox. She attended high school in Mystic and later studied at Williams Memorial Institute, New London, and Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S., Canada, from which she was graduated in 1908. She married Doctor Coleman the same year, and moved to Lewisburg where he became Professor of English at Bucknell University.

Mrs. Coleman was active in many civic, historical and university groups in Lewisburg. At the time of her death she was Regent of the Shikelimo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which she had previously served as Regent in 1947 and 1950. She also served as a State officer, Daughters of the American Revolu-

tion, and had been a Directoress of that organization's Central Region, as well as Chairman of its State Committee on Conservation of Natural Resources. She organized the Catherine Crown Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, in 1952, and served as Regent for the organization. She belonged to the Society of Magna Charta Dames, the New England Society, and the Denison Society.

Mrs. Coleman is survived by her husband; a sister, Mrs. Norton C. Wheeler of Mystic; a son, R. Henry Coleman of Fairview; and two grandsons and one great-grandson.

COLONEL PERRIN CHILES COTHAN

Colonel Perrin Chiles Cothran, a member of this Society since October 2, 1951, died at his residence in Hartford on December 22, 1959. He had been former Hartford City Councilman, and retired Vice-President of the Phoenix Life Insurance Group.

Colonel Cothran was born February 22, 1886 at Chiles Crossroads, South Carolina, the son of Wade Elephare and Sarah Elizabeth (Chiles) Cothran. After graduating from Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, South Carolina, in 1904, he was for a time Civil Engineer in southwest Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. His insurance work began in 1910 as Inspector for the North Carolina Insurance Company. In 1913 he was appointed Special Agent for the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company in North and South Carolina, and in Virginia.

Mr. Cothran enlisted in the Army, 1917, receiving a commission as Captain in the Engineer Corps. He soon rose to Major, with service in France and Belgium where he was cited for bravery in action. He was later commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel of the Engineers, and retired from the Army as Colonel.

After the war Colonel Cothran went to Brazil as a local engineer of the American Foreign Insurance Association. Remaining in Brazil eight years, he then resigned, becoming Special Agent in 1926, for the Phoenix Life Insurance Company in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. He was called back to the home office in Hartford in 1928 to become Assistant Secretary. In 1929 he was made Secretary; in 1936, Vice-President; and in February, 1943, he was elected a Director of the Phoenix of Hartford Insurance Company. In 1949 he achieved prominence through the initiation and organization of a nationwide fire inspection sur-

vey of approximately 7,500 hospitals. The study was completed in 1952, the year which also marked his retirement from the Phoenix of Hartford. His drive to avert highway accidents and deaths also occurred in 1952, when he urged auto executives to begin advertising the use of caution in driving.

Colonel Cothran's memberships included the Masonic Lodge, Raleigh, North Carolina; the Hartford Golf Club of which he was made President in 1952; honorary Director of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company; and a member of Christ Church Cathedral. He had also been a former member of the Hartford City Council and served as President of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Surviving Colonel Cothran are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Galbraith Cothran; and two sons, Perrin G. and Robert C. Cothran, both of Hartford.

MRS. AUSTIN CUTLER

Mrs. Maud J. (Peak) Cutler, a member of this Society since July 30, 1957, died at Grossmont Hospital, San Diego, California, January 28, 1960. She was the widow of Austin Cutler, founder of Cutler Brothers Funeral Home in San Diego.

Mrs. Cutler was born in Owasso, Michigan, the daughter of Seth Tracy and Mary Ann (Perkins) Peak. Her early schooling was in Otia, Greenwood, and Ishpeming, Michigan, and on several occasions she took courses from Chicago University and the University of Indiana. She married Austin Cutler in La Porte, Indiana, on December 28, 1927. Mr. Cutler died January 28, 1942. She was always active in church work, being a State officer in the Indiana Council of Church Women, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Home and Hospital in Maywood, Illinois. At the time of her death, Mrs. Cutler was a resident of Spring Valley, California. She was also active in the World Council of Churches, and the Order of the Eastern Star, La Porte Chapter, La Porte, Indiana. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank Scholz of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

MRS. LEWIS BISSELL DAVIS

Mrs. Clara Belle (Drake) Davis, who became a member of this Society August 30, 1955, died in Elizabethton, Tennessee, December 22, 1958. She was the wife of Lewis Bissell Davis whom she married in Rochester, New York, in 1887.

Mrs. Davis was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 8, 1869, the daughter of Harvey Forrester and Rachael (Dennison) Drake. She was a member of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, New York, and was for twenty years Registrar of the Presidio Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Davis is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alice D. Turrentine of Elizabethton.

RICHARD WITHINGTON HAWES

Richard Withington Hawes, a member of this Society since January 8, 1952, died at Hartford Hospital on March 5, 1960. He had been a retired teacher and accountant.

Mr. Hawes was born March 31, 1886 in Somerville, Massachusetts, the son of Frank M. and Harriet (Foster) Hawes. His early schooling was in Somerville, and he was later graduated from Yale University, Class of 1908. After teaching in several schools in Connecticut, he became, in 1927, an accountant in the Comptroller's office, State of Connecticut, retiring from this position in 1952. He was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, West Hartford, and the Yale Alumni Association.

Mr. Hawes is survived by a sister, Mrs. Edward A. Currier of Newton Center, Massachusetts; and a brother, Austin F. Hawes of West Hartford.

HAROLD GOODWIN HOLCOMBE

Harold Goodwin Holcombe, a member of this Society since November 14, 1916, died at his home in West Hartford on January 6, 1960. He had been semi-retired owner, Chairman of the Board, and Treasurer of H. G. Holcombe, Inc., Insurance-Bonding firm of Hartford. Mr. Holcombe was a member of this Society's Auditing Committee at the time of his death.

Mr. Holcombe was born in Bristol November 23, 1873, the son of John M. and Emily Seymour (Goodwin) Holcombe. He lived most of his life in Hartford, attending the West Middle School, and the Hartford Public High School from which he was graduated in 1892. In 1897 he graduated from Yale University where he had been coxswain of his class and winner of the Norfolk Tennis Tournament.

He joined the Fidelity Trust Company, now the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company, in 1897, becoming, in ten years, its

Assistant Treasurer. He left the bank in 1907 to go into insurance partnership with J. Henry McManus. In 1923 he incorporated his own firm, Harold G. Holcombe, Inc., an agency representing the Travelers Insurance Company, London and Lancashire Indemnity Company of America, London and Lancashire Insurance Company, and the Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company. When his son, Harold G. Holcombe, Jr., was made President in 1949, Mr. Holcombe became Chairman of the Board and continued as Treasurer of the firm.

Mr. Holcombe was always deeply interested in historical matters. He was an avid collector, having in his possession many items of historical interest, including one of the original ballots for Abraham Lincoln as President. He was author of "Stonewalls in Eastern Connecticut," and an authority on George Washington and the Revolutionary War. He was a former Governor of the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford; a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, General Society of Colonial Wars, Friends of Hartford, Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc., of Connecticut, and the Valley Forge Historical Society. He was also a charter member of the Hartford Golf Club, and a member of the Coventry and Battenmill Fish and Game Clubs. Mr. Holcombe was a staunch Republican and a former Deacon of the Center Church, Hartford.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Percy (Monson) Holcombe; and three sons, Harold G. Holcombe, Jr., Shepherd M. Holcombe, both of West Hartford, and Seth P. Holcombe of Simsbury.

EDWARD FRANK HUMPHREY

Edward Frank Humphrey, a member of this Society since May 3, 1955, died at his home in Hartford on February 6, 1960. He had been retired Professor of History and Political Science at Trinity College, Hartford.

Born in Winnebago, Minnesota, April 22, 1878, Professor Humphrey was the son of John G. and Louisa (Hoyt) Humphrey. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1903, and his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1909. In 1912, he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Paris. He was Superintendent of Schools, Lake Benton, Minnesota, 1904-1908; instructor of History at the College of the City of New York, 1908-1910; and instructor of History at Columbia University, 1911-

1915. A resident of Hartford since 1915, he had been Northam Professor of History and Political Science at Trinity College from 1915 to 1948; and was an instructor of History at Hillyer College, Hartford, from 1948 to 1950. He was the author of several books, including *Politics and Religion in the Days of Augustine*, *Nationalism and Religion in America*, and *An Economic History of the United States*. He was also editor of *George Washington on Religious Liberty and Mutual Understanding* in 1932; editor of *Liberty Documents* in 1936; and had been a major contributor to several historical handbooks. He was past President of the Mark Twain Library and Memorial Commission; and a member of the American History Association, American Political Science Association, North East History Teacher's Association, Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford.

Professor Humphrey is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Warnack Humphrey; two daughters, Misses Anna and Gertrude Louisa Humphrey, both of Hartford; and a sister, Mrs. Archie Hynes of Winnebago, Minnesota.

THE REVEREND ELMER ELLSWORTH SCHULTZ JOHNSON

The Reverend Elmer Ellsworth Schultz Johnson, a member of this Society since April 5, 1927, died in York, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 1959. He had been Professor Emeritus of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and was Seminary Historian from 1922 to 1943.

Born in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1872, he was the son of Allen T. D. and Susanna K. (Schultz) Johnson. After studying at Perkiomen Seminary in Pennsylvania, he was graduated from Princeton University in 1899, and from the Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1902. From the Seminary he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1911, and his Doctor of Divinity degree from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1924. Professorship at the Hartford Seminary began in 1922, with his becoming a full Professor in 1928, and Waldo Professor of Church History in 1934. Retirement was due in 1940, but Doctor Johnson stayed on the faculty until his seventieth birthday in 1942.

Doctor Johnson's residence was also Hereford, Pennsylvania, where he spent his weekends. For 25 years he served as Pastor of the Hereford Mennonite Church in Bally, Pennsylvania. He held many posts among the Mennonites, and was Chairman of the

Historical and Publication Committee of the Eastern District Conference. He was also Secretary of the Pennsylvania German Society, and a member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He was the first Secretary of the Schwenkfelder Board of Missions, had been Pastor of the First Schwenkfelder Church of Philadelphia, and was also the first Editor of the denominational monthly journal, *The Schwenkfeldian*.

Dr. Johnson married, September 7, 1899, Agnes S. Gerhard. Surviving him are a son, Rolland G. Johnson of York, Pennsylvania; a grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

JUDGE RUSSELL ZIEBALL JOHNSTON

Judge Russell Zieball Johnston, who became a member of this Society February 1, 1938, died at his home in West Hartford on October 4, 1959. He had been Judge of the Hartford Probate Court since 1938.

Born October 27, 1894, the son of Thomas L. and Margaret J. (Zieball) Johnston, Judge Johnston was a life-long resident of Hartford. He was a graduate of the Hartford Public High School and, when about thirteen years old, he went to work in his uncle's store on Wethersfield Avenue. With earnings acquired there, and on summer jobs, he saved up \$100 to go to college, receiving a B.A. degree from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1916, as valedictorian of his class. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Nu, and received his M.A. degree from Trinity College in 1919 and was graduated from Harvard Law School the same year. For a number of years he was Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror and, in 1929, was appointed Chief Clerk of the Hartford Probate Court. In 1938 he was made Judge.

From 1942 on, Judge Johnston received the endorsement of both political parties, though he was a registered Republican. Always active in Hartford affairs, he was a past President of the Connecticut Probate Assembly, and a former head of the Hartford Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1955 the Hartford Jewish War Veterans chose him for their Citizens Award. He was also past President of the Hartford Rotary Club and the Trinity College Alumni Association. In 1958 he was awarded Trinity's alumni Medal for Excellence.

Judge Johnston married Margaret H. Thompson of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1924. He is survived by his wife and a son, Russell Z. Johnston, Jr. of West Hartford.

GILBERT STUART MCCLINTOCK

Gilbert Stuart McClintock, who became a member of this Society March 1, 1949, died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on June 20, 1959. He had been Vice-President of the Board of the Glen Alden Corporation, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mr. McClintock was born December 27, 1886, the son of Andrew Hamilton and Eleanor (Welles) McClintock. He was graduated from Lawrenceville School, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and was a member of the New York, Pennsylvania, and American Bar Associations. A corporation lawyer, Mr. McClintock joined the former Glen Alden Corporation as Director in 1934. From 1951 to April 10, 1959 he served as Board Chairman, when the corporation merged with List Industries. The present Glen Alden Corporation includes, among others, the Glen Alden Coal Corporation, the country's largest producer of Anthracite; R.K.O. Theaters; Aluminum Industries, Inc.; Otis Railway Warehouses; and crude oil and natural gas properties. Another important aspect of Mr. McClintock's work was his connection with Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was one of the principal figures in establishing Wilkes College as a four-year institution in 1947 and at its 25th Anniversary, he headed the campaign fund to raise \$500,000.

Always active in Wilkes-Barre civic affairs, he was for 21 years Chairman of the City Planning Commission, resigning in 1948. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Miner's National Bank of Wilkes-Barre; President of the Wyoming Valley's Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Chairman of the Board of the Wyoming Valley Community Chest and the Wyoming Valley United Fund; and President of the Graphic Historical Society of America. He was also President of the Wyoming Valley Society of Arts and Sciences; President of the Legal Aid Society of Luzerne County; Director and Treasurer of the Children's Home of Wilkes-Barre; and a Trustee of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the University Club of New York; Friends of Princeton Library; and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. In 1948 he compiled a book entitled *Valley Views of Northeastern Pennsylvania*, published by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Mr. McClintock was unmarried.

MRS. CARL W. NOREN

Mrs. Minnie (Peterson) Noren, who became a member of this Society November 3, 1959, died at Hartford Hospital on April 29, 1960. She had been an antique dealer with a shop, Stonecrest Antiques, on the New London Turnpike, Marlborough.

Mrs. Noren was born May 31, 1896, the daughter of Charles and Ellsie (Halberg) Peterson. Though born in Middle Haddam, she made her residence first in Manchester, and later in Marlborough. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Richard Newton of Schenectady, New York, and Mrs. William Oren of South Bend, Indiana; one brother, Ernest Peterson of Clearwater, Florida; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Berg, and Mrs. J. S. Hultman, both of Hartford; and eight grandchildren.

MRS. FRANK D. PHINNEY

Mrs. Florence (Voorhees) Phinney, a member of this Society since October 5, 1954, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 13, 1959. She was the wife of the late Frank Douglas Phinney, M.D., who died in 1938.

Mrs. Phinney, the daughter of the Reverend William Brownlee and Evaline Augusta (Platt) Voorhees, was born in Blawenburg, New Jersey, November 26, 1878. She was a graduate of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She taught mathematics at several colleges, and for a year she was Dean of Women at Doan College, Crete, Nebraska, prior to her marriage to Doctor Phinney in Brooklyn, New York, January 21, 1909.

Mrs. Phinney was a member of numerous cultural, historical and charitable associations, including the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, State of Ohio; the English-Speaking Union; the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio; and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. She served on the Boards of the Widows' and Old Men's Home, the Fresh Air and Convalescent Aid Society; and was a member of the Cincinnati Woman's Club and the Town Club. A member of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, she had served on the National Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Phinney is survived by a son, James Douglas Phinney, Jr., M.D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

DOCTOR ROBERT LEE ROWLEY

Robert Lee Rowley, M.D., a member of this Society since April 7, 1953, died at Hartford Hospital May 5, 1960. He had been, for 35 years, Medical Director of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, retiring in 1950.

Dr. Rowley was born in Bloomfield August 15, 1879, the son of Henry Wells and Harriet (Adams) Rowley. He was graduated from the Hartford Public High School in 1898, and Yale University Medical School in 1903. He interned at Hartford Hospital, and was its visiting physician for 15 years.

Dr. Rowley joined the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1913. He was on the State Medical Examining Board for many years, and was a member, 1928-1958, of the Board of Directors of the Hartford Hospital. In 1958 he was made an honorary Director of the hospital, and was also a member of its Executive Committee from 1928 to 1951, when he resigned. He was past President of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America; and a member of the American Medical Association, the Connecticut State Medical Association, the Hartford County Medical Association, and the Hartford Medical Society. He was also a member of the Building Committee of the new addition at Hartford Hospital, and the Jefferson House. Membership in organizations included past President of the 20th Century Club, a member of the Travelers Aid Board, and a member of the Society of Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, and a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford.

Dr. Rowley is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara McLean Rowley; a daughter, Mrs. Norman W. Spencer of Avon; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

CALEB MILLS SAVILLE

Caleb Mills Saville, a member of this Society since January 2, 1951, died at the Heublein Hotel, Hartford, where he had been a resident, on February 14, 1960. He had been former Manager and Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan District Commission of Hartford.

Mr. Saville was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, May 27, 1865, the son of George W. W. and Helen (Mills) Saville. He prepared for college at Stone's School in Boston, and was graduated from

Harvard University, Cum Laude in Engineering, in 1889. His outstanding engineering projects included the design and construction of the Simpson Drydock in Boston; the engineer in charge of design and construction of the sewage system in Malden, Massachusetts; and designing several storage reservoirs and a tunnel under the Mystic River. In 1907 he was selected to be Assistant Division Engineer in charge of the construction of Gatun Dam and Locks in the Panama Canal, under General George Washington Goethals. His technical and research papers for this project have been cited by engineers as "a masterpiece of engineering investigation." Mr. Saville worked five years on the Panama Canal, and for his work was awarded the Norman Medal of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1914. His first major project in the Hartford vicinity was the Nepaug Dam and reservoir, started in 1914. Later came the Barkhamsted Reservoir and Dam, started in 1933 and completed in 1940. The Saville Dam on the Barkhamsted Reservoir was named in his honor, and was built through the Metropolitan District Commission of Hartford. Even after his retirement from the organization in 1948, Mr. Saville remained consultant to the Metropolitan District Commission and adhered to its rugged schedule.

Mr. Saville was an honorary member of the New England Water Works Association and the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers; life member of the Institute of Water Engineers of England; and a member of the American Water Works Association, American Society of Civil Engineering, American Meteorological Society, Boston Society of Civil Engineering, Royal Meteorological Society of England, and the American Geographic Union. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Harvard Club of Connecticut, and the University Club of Hartford.

Mr. Saville is survived by a son, Doctor Thorndike Saville, retired Dean of the School of Engineering, New York University; a grandson, and three great-grandchildren. He was married to the former Elizabeth Thorndike who died April 9, 1955.

MAY BREWER STEVENS

Miss May Brewer Stevens, who became a member of this Society April 7, 1953, died at her home in East Hartford on October 22, 1959. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 10, 1877, the daughter of William T. and Margaret (McNara) Stevens. By

profession she had been a teacher, and was a member of the Laurel Garden Club of East Hartford. Miss Stevens is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Frank Kent of New York City, and Mrs. Scott Burns of Orange.

ARTHUR RIPLEY THOMPSON

Arthur Ripley Thompson, a member of this Society since December 3, 1901, died at Hartford Hospital on January 2, 1960. He had been an explorer, writer, and retired tax collector of West Hartford.

Mr. Thompson was born in Hartford January 22, 1872, the son of Charles Edward and Abbie Frances (Allen) Thompson. He was graduated from the West Middle School, class of 1885, and from the Hartford Public High School in 1889. From 1890 to 1891 he worked as a reporter on the *Hartford Courant*, and in 1896 he received his B.A. degree from Yale University in Classical Poetry. In the summer of 1894 he took part in an expedition to Greenland, and in 1898 went with another expedition to Africa. After temporary business experiences in Boston and Syracuse, New York, he returned to Hartford, joining the Hartford Agency Staff of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He became collector of taxes in West Hartford in 1914, and in 1925 retired from the insurance field to give full time to the tax office. He retired as tax collector on March 1, 1949.

In 1954 Mr. Thompson was named West Hartford Civitan Man-of-the-Year. He had been Secretary and Sergeant in the Hartford City Guard, a Sergeant in the Yale Cadet Corps, and had also served in the West Hartford Company of the State Guard. He was the author of several volumes of poetry, and a book entitled *The Road to Glory; Story of the Third Purple Heart*. He was Secretary of the West Hartford Grange and the Board of Trade, and Chairman of the Webster Memorial Public Library. In 1910 he organized and became First Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 12. He was President of the Connecticut Archeological Society, and had been a member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Since 1939 Mr. Thompson maintained Joy Brook Farm in Townsend, Vermont, as a summer residence. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helene Bowman Thompson; two daughters, Mrs. Charles A. Goodspeed of West Hartford, and Mrs. B. W. Lyman of Brookline, New York; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Report of the Director

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

Introduction

It was just ten years ago that we came to 1 Elizabeth Street, making this an appropriate time to note progress since that move. In 1950 we had a staff of four, annual income of \$12,821.31, and 632 members. Now we have a full-time staff of seven, annual unrestricted income of \$45,000.00, including \$9,500.00 from the Bingham and Woodward Trusts, and 1407 members. Gifts, bequests and foundation grants have totalled \$357,000.00, more than a third of which was for endowment. The book value of endowment funds for general expenses, including a 33% increase, the result of reinvestment for higher income, has risen from \$213,000.00 to \$610,509.65. During these ten years we have altered the main building for our use, added a book stack and more recently, completed the auditorium with its basement storage areas and workshops—at a total cost of \$635,908.62. This money came from the Hoadley and Seymour building funds not usable before 1950, and despite this expenditure these funds have increased from \$451,071.66 to \$553,944.78 with annual income for operating the building of \$35,000.

One of the most significant aspects of these ten years has been the increase in acquisition funds. In 1950 we had approximately \$1,000.00 a year; now it is \$5,737.54, plus many gifts for specific purposes. We have not yet been forced to turn down a really choice item for lack of funds. We can and do compete with all those who trespass in our field. The strong emphasis on conservation, cataloguing and care taken to preserve has induced many to place collections and heirlooms in our custody.

In 1950 the *Bulletin* was an 8-page quarterly published with \$616.00 income from a fund of \$12,000.00. Now that fund is \$55,000.00. Its income, plus sales, is approximately \$3,500.00 and the *Bulletin* has increased to 32 pages. Membership has more than doubled, endowment has almost tripled, and income has almost quadrupled. This is, to say the least, spectacular growth and cause for satisfaction, but the margin between income and expenses is still slim and we are still understaffed.

We have had many notable exhibitions that have helped us achieve considerable recognition throughout the country. We

have published 15 books with gross sales of \$27,989.21. Our seminars have provided impetus to membership growth, increased interest in the aims of the Society, and are now being widely copied by other institutions.

Despite a setback when flooded in late August 1955, we recovered and its effects were hardly a ripple in our growth since 1950. Analysis of a graph would show that we now find as many as 300 books a year to add to our collection. This is a constant increase so that we can predict, with certainty, shelving requirements ten, twenty, fifty years hence. Museum growth, although not such a neat package because of odd shapes and differing preservation requirements, still has a pattern that varies little from year to year and seems to average out the same every three to four years. A rigid acquisition policy is invaluable in controlling standards and avoiding duplication. All this gladdens the heart of an administrator. He knows what he must face and when a certain cubage will be required periodically and costs will be so much.

Our manuscript collection, however, which is our most important asset, entirely unique and irreplaceable, does not fit our neat little package. Growth has been so great that we cannot predict even two, three, or five years ahead. This is wonderful for everyone except the fellow who has to find shelves when a collection of some size becomes available. We are already finding space at a premium in our present manuscript storage facilities.

The final revelation of our graph is the increase in use and demands on the staff. This, too, is completely unpredictable and cannot be planned for in advance. During these ten years Miss Kihn became Editor, Mr. Warren Assistant Director and Curator of the museum, and Mr. Currie Manuscript Cataloguer. This would appear to have relieved the rest of us from a terrific burden. The truth of the matter is that we all now have more to do than ever before. Why? Because more and more time must be spent with the public who are making use of the collections, and less and less time is available for processing of the collections and the basic house-keeping required in a library and museum. The telephone rings constantly and correspondence is mountainous.

I can't write the report for 1970, at least not now, but I would expect it to be comparable to this one. I think we will have a museum wing by then, and a manuscript stack. We will have at least three more staff members and will still be shorthanded. This So-

ciety is a great one and its growth and usefulness are unlimited. We need set no goals, for our founding fathers, back in 1825, did that for us.

Library

To get back to 1960—this might almost be called the broadside year. A broadside or broadsheet was a single piece of paper containing printed matter on one side only. Proclamations were always issued in this form and still are, as well as special news and advertisements of one kind or another. Often broadsides were posted on bulletin boards, or read from the pulpit and then destroyed. They are rare in any event and to secure five unique eighteenth century broadsides is cause for elation.

The heirs of Morgan B. Brainard gave us *The Triumphs of Faith Manifested to the World . . .*, printed by T. Green, 1749. In brackets are the initials "S.M.", presumed to be the author who is, as yet, unidentified.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bernhart presented a broadside dated February 8, 1766, containing a premature account of the repeal of the Stamp Act. Unfortunately, from the text it is not clear whether it was printed in Hartford or New Haven, but in either case it was unknown. Doctor Lee J. Whittles, gave us a November 10, 1748 Thanksgiving Proclamation of Governor Jonathan Law. Although earlier issues of such proclamations exist in the fine collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the American Antiquarian Society, this is the earliest complete Thanksgiving Proclamation in any Connecticut institution, though we do have a fragment of one dated March 28, 1733. Other unique proclamations by Joseph Talcott, A Day of Fast, April 8, 1741 and Jonathan Law's Thanksgiving Proclamation, November 9, 1749, were purchased. In addition we acquired three other proclamations lacking in our collections.

Seldom do collectors have the opportunity of acquiring an unknown Indian Captivity broadside. There are many seeking such materials and when they do turn up, they are usually offered to well known collectors and institutions. *Shocking Murder! A Distressing Account of the Murder of Mr. Samuel Smith, and his Three Daughters, one an Infant at the Breast, by the Savages, in July 1805, Related by Mrs. Smith . . .*, New Haven, Printed (Price 3d), was brought in for research purposes and we were lucky to

acquire it. It is a broadside with three coffins illustrated at the top, and measures $11\frac{1}{4} \times 19\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The "Shocking Murder" took place in Louisiana, 85 miles from New Orleans and so far, the earliest account we have located concerning it was printed in 1814.

Since broadsides by their very makeup are subject to loss and destruction, so, too, are sheet almanacs. We have several in our outstanding collection, but they seldom appear on the market. We feel fortunate in acquiring what appears to be a unique one, *The Farmer's & Mechanics* (Sheet) *Almanac*, Hartford, 1817.

A Map of the Southern Part of the State of New York, including Long Island, the Sound, the State of Connecticut by William Damerun, engraved by P. Maverick and issued in 1815, is a handsome piece of engraving that is quite rare. Copies are in the Library of Congress and the New York Historical Society. We now have a copy, dated 1819, similar to the above but with change in date, and Damerun's trade card engraved by Amos Doolittle is on the back. The map includes the 13 towns incorporated 1800-1815, but not Griswold, which was incorporated in October 1815.

One of the rarest of the town maps, that of Sharon, published in 1853, is now in our collection. In 1951 we listed in the Director's Report some 30 maps that were not available in this Society. Sixteen of these have now been acquired, plus New Hartford, 1852, not recorded by Edmund Thompson's *Maps of Connecticut . . . 1801-1860*.

From Wesleyan University we received a bound volume of three Danbury eighteenth-century pamphlets, of which two are unique: *Memoirs of the Life of Mrs. Sarah Demick*; *A Wonderful Dream* by Isaac Watts; and *The Nature, Certainty and Evidence of true Christianity* by [Sarah Haggard Osborn]—all printed by Nathan Douglas for S. Crawford, Danbury, ca. 1793-1794.

One of the most reprinted and hence popular pieces of Americana is Descalves *New Travels to the Westward*. Although now considered fictitious, it does include the true story of John Vandeleur who was captured by the Indians on the Pacific Northwest coast in 1784, married a native wife, and lived with his Indian family. The second edition appeared in 1788 in Norwich and by 1800, eleven editions had been printed. Being highly collectible as Western Americana, and an Indian Captivity, copies command high prices. Of the three copies of the 2nd Edition recorded (Norwich 1788), all lack the last leaf. Ours has a signature of the

original owner, both front and back leaves, and leads us to suspect it was issued in this incomplete form.

We feel an often-overlooked source record are catalogues issued by Connecticut industries. From time to time we pick up single catalogues, but this year, from the George A. Long estate, we secured catalogues of the Gray Telephone Pay Station Company; and from Mrs. Glenn H. Smith, seventeen catalogues of Columbia Bicycles between 1883 and 1910. There were twenty-five other bicycle catalogues and catalogues of the Knox Automobile Company, Electric Vehicle Company and Locomobile. From a relatively weak collection, this one gift has strengthened us immeasurably. I do not know where the best collection of bicycle material is located, but it has always troubled me to think we have to go to Detroit to learn about the first automobiles that were manufactured in Hartford.

Being a poor penman, I am often impressed with the beautiful handwriting of many of our forefathers. They learned by copy and practice with specimen books. Few have survived, so that Mrs. Glenn H. Smith's gift of a fine copy of *The American Penman* by Eleazer Huntington, Hartford, 1824, is much appreciated. We have another edition, 1830, in our collections, and Huntington's *Introduction to the Art of Penmanship*, Hartford, 1819.

A year ago we appealed in the *Bulletin* for contributions to buy *The Oxford English Dictionary* in twelve volumes, plus supplement. I am happy to say you made its purchase possible, as well as a much-needed encyclopedia. We also have completed our set of *Magazine Antiques*, part of which was lost in the flood. We could still use a Lippincott's *New Gazetteer* and I hope a copy will be forthcoming soon.

Manuscripts

One of the great pleasures of my association with this Society has been the friendship with many notable collectors. We share their triumphs and are well aware of their hopes and aspirations. George Dudley Seymour was much interested in Major John Palsgrave Wyllys, a classmate of Nathan Hale, and in fact wrote a book entitled *Captain Nathan Hale, Major John Palsgrave Wyllys, A Digressive History*, New Haven, 1933. It was our good fortune to purchase some seventy-five Wyllys family letters, including the last letter Wyllys wrote before leading an expedition

against the Indians in which he was killed; and another letter, to his father, Samuel Wyllys, by a fellow officer, describing in detail how the Major met his death. It is a pity George Dudley Seymour did not live to see these letters, but I derive particular satisfaction in acquiring such materials for this institution in which he was so interested. In the letter to James Watson, August 25, 1790, Wyllys had a premonition of disaster and indicated that his friend's son was to have half his property, and that the other half was to go to "Molly Wyllys (because she has got red hair)." John Palsgrave Wyllys lies in an unmarked grave on the banks of the Maumee River, near what is now the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the first regular United States military officer to give his life for his country, October 22, 1790.

Also included in the Wyllys letters are eleven to Mary Wyllys, 1799-1800, from school friends at Miss Pierce's School, Litchfield. These describe in some detail their curriculum and social life and are significant for their material on the early years of one of the more celebrated private schools for girls.

With the Civil War Centennial approaching, there is much interest in letters and diaries of Connecticut soldiers. We purchased more than a hundred letters from Henry Snow to his mother, Mrs. Eunice Snow of East Hampton. Henry enlisted from Chatham August 15, 1862 and was mustered out June 15, 1865 from the 21st Infantry Regiment. He saw action at Fredericksburg, Bermuda Hundred and Richmond. On September 4, 1864, he wrote, "Here the Rebs come out in plain sight and look at us and we at them, and some of the boys go out and exchange papers on the sligh for our officers do not allow it. It is the leading officers of the Armies that is keeping this war along. The privates of both armies do not seem to have anything against each other. I think if it was left for them to settle it, it would be settled without any more bloodshed."

Nearly a thousand letters were secured from the Rowland family and were largely written by the children of the Reverend Henry Augustus Rowland, Pastor for forty-six years of the Congregational Church, Windsor. The children were graduates of Yale, Amherst, Dartmouth and Andover Theological Seminary, and were doctors, lawyers and clergymen. William Sherman Rowland, a lawyer in New York, describes the Great Fire in that place in December, 1835. George Rowland was in the 1849 Gold Rush and

he soon became Postmaster in Sacramento. His brothers often remark on California, but George's advice is not to come as prospectors, but with a trade.

The publishers in 1852 presented to the Society a copy of *Journal of a Voyage to California . . . The Connecticut Mining and Trading Company* by Albert Lyman. We have a mint copy of this rare book that today commands premium prices when a copy comes on the market, and we have had it almost since the day it was published. Jason Fenn Burr, mentioned in Albert Lyman's book, was a mariner on board the *General Morgan* which sailed with the Connecticut Mining and Trading Company for the Gold Fields of California February 22, 1849. In the handful of his letters purchased this year, Jason wrote to his family in Hartford about the voyage, his arrival in San Francisco August 5, 1849, and much detail about early efforts to find gold. He, too, advises his brother not to come to California, for his share of the gold is so small he can't afford to come home. Illness forced him to return in the Fall of 1851, however, wiser but hardly wealthier.

Charles E. Brinley of Philadelphia presented to us a fine Israel Putnam letter addressed to Colonel Godfrey Malbone upon receipt of the news of the Battles of Lexington and Concord Saturday, April [22], 1775. Putnam letters are scarce at best and since these two men were on opposing sides, it is of rare interest.

The largest manuscript collection acquired during the year was purchased from the McClellan family of Woodstock. It includes letters of the Williams, Trumbull and McClellan families in some twenty-four boxes, plus more than 100 account books. Outstanding in this collection is an Indian deed. The deed, with Indian marks, is a valuable record and basis for land records in our State. A Committee of the General Assembly purchased May 20, 1662, from four Indian kings and two queens, the land south of Middletown, six miles on each side of the Connecticut River, to the Chester town line. The price was thirty overcoats or not more than \$100.00. It was approved by Uncas and Terramugas. The area involved consisted of 150 square miles or 96,000 acres and included all trees, stone mines, minerals, ponds, brooks and rivers, but not Thirty Mile Island. In Haddam, in 1676, land sold for 15s. an acre, or £72,450 for an original investment of less than \$100.00.

These and other manuscripts too numerous to mention are rich in source materials; but most significant this year has been

the arrival of a Manuscript Cataloguer. Harold Currie came to us in September from the William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and he has made a remarkable start on what could be a life-time project. It is all very well to collect, as we have for so many years, but we have the additional responsibility of making manuscripts readily available for use when desired.

Museum

The operation of a museum not only includes acquisition, exhibition, restoration and preservation, but also research, and much time is spent in documenting the collection. For example, we have a painting of two boys apparently being tried for stealing apples. This painting was advertised as being in the Hartford Museum August 2, 1824. We do not know how it came into our possession and until recently, we had no idea of the artist. Someone suggested that it might have been painted by Jeremiah Paul who flourished 1791-1820. Comparison with his other works tends to bear out the attribution.

In 1925 the Society received, by bequest of Frederick J. Huntington of Norwich, a fine over-mantle embroidered panel. Mr. Huntington believed this to have been worked by his great-great-grandmother, Faith Robinson (1718-1780), wife of Jonathan Trumbull, Senior. Mrs. Nancy Graves Cabot in *Antiques*, December 1950, felt it could not have been worked by Mrs. Trumbull and attributed it to a granddaughter, Faith Trumbull, (1769-1846) who married Daniel Wadsworth of Hartford in 1794. We have always been unhappy with this, for it did not fit the picture as an heirloom of the Huntington family.

In our Trumbull papers there is a letter, May 28, 1764, from Jonathan Trumbull to his son Joseph in which he orders for "your sister" a frame and glass 4' 4" in length by 1' 7" in width (or 52 x 19 inches), the exact dimensions of our panel. A sister Faith (1743-1775) married Jedediah Huntington in 1766, and we are therefore of the opinion that she worked our panel in 1764 and that it descended legitimately to the donor, Frederick J. Huntington.

Mr. Warren has cleaned several of the Morgan B. Brainard tavern signs this year. That of W. Bursley, coated with a heavy layer of varnish, was so clouded that little could be seen through it.

When removed with solvents, the signatures of Richmond and Whittle, painters, appeared, and the word Barnstable was on the station. This information is recorded in *Dictionary of Artists in America*, but one would never have determined it from the sign which was in such poor condition.

Once again, by deed of gift subject to lifetime use, we have received from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Barbour, eleven pieces of fine Connecticut furniture, bringing the total to twenty. They are as follows:

November 25, 1958	2 bonnet top highboys
March 17, 1959	bonnet top chest-on-chest
	ball and claw side chair
	block front chest
	ox bow chest
	dish top tip-top table
	chest-on-chest
May 22, 1959	cherry secretary
February 24, 1960	Pembroke table
	Grandmother clock, "Hough," Bridge-
	port
	curly maple tall clock, "Hosmer," Hart-
	ford
	2 ball and claw arm chairs
	side chair to match
	slope front desk on frame
	slope front desk
	wing chair
	birch tea table
	and flat-top highboy

Also by deed of gift, Charles S. Bissell has given us his Daniel Burnap chime clock.

In previous years we have received from Philip H. Hamerslough a Staffordshire tureen with Arms of Connecticut; and from Doctor Isaac W. Kingsbury, a Joseph Carpenter, Norwich, tall clock. It is encouraging to see this revived use of deeds of gift, for the advantage of retaining lifetime use should interest other prospective donors.

At the William B. Goodwin auction we bought a unique oak Hadley-type court table. Although only a small portion is original,

its size and height make it most useful for our print room and assures preservation of an interesting piece of furniture.

Allerton C. Hickmott gave us a Bible box, and a Hadley chest with square posts turned at the bottom. This is a rare type of chest of which two similar specimens have been found in Connecticut. The initials "K.W." are unidentified.

From the Josiah Phelps house in Windsor, Miss Helen E. Royce has presented to us a corner cupboard, a Chippendale mirror and several other interesting pieces, including a fiddleback arm chair with Spanish feet in its original color, and several dressing tables, wash stands and high chairs.

A fine wainscot settle, that belonged to the Wyllys family of Glastonbury, was presented by Doctor Lee J. Whittles. It dates from the seventeenth century and is in unusually good condition.

Two chairs made by Eliphalet Chapin were purchased and have been restored. The story on this important acquisition will appear soon in the *Bulletin*, so that details will be omitted here.

Last summer, in conjunction with Loomis School, we had an exhibition of paintings by Osbert Burr Loomis. Joseph S. Gould has given a signed and dated painting by Loomis of the Loomis homestead, with a letter by the artist indicating that the picture was a Christmas present to his sister Euphemia in 1880. This fine association-item is most welcome. By purchase we secured a landscape in oils, painted by J. D. Crocker of Norwich in 1886; and a large over-mantle painting from a house on Union Street, Deep River.

Some years ago we were delighted to buy a gold locket clasp by J. Gardiner, New London, ca. 1769. It was the only piece of Connecticut marked gold known to exist. Recently Roderick Bissell Jones gave us a gold mourning ring marked "E.B." and inscribed "H. Loomis, April 13, 1742, æ 13." The maker is probably Ebenezer Balch who was a silversmith in Hartford in the 1740's and at the moment, we consider it the earliest piece of Connecticut marked gold. Mr. Jones also presented to us a communion table-cloth, 68 inches square, made by Mary Gidding of East Hartland in the mid-eighteenth century.

A lovely wool embroidered bed rug came to us from Mrs. J. H. K. Davis. The initials "E.F." are possibly those of Elizabeth Foote of Colchester, (1760-1800.) The rarity of objects of this nature has caused their value to skyrocket and since gifts to the

Society are tax deductible, we suggest that such perishables be placed in our custody before irreparable damage to them occurs.

It may be surprising to some that we are interested in contemporary history. From the estate of George A. Long, noted inventor, we secured, among other things, the first pay telephone and intercom radio for airplanes. I feel confident our successors will appreciate the value of modern objects such as these which have proved so useful in our age.

Editor

The usual four issues of the *Bulletin* and 48-page *Annual Report* were published during the year. Editorial work was completed on Volume 30 and 31 of the *Collections*. These will be published as soon as the \$1,000 annual State Appropriation will permit. No books were published this year, though several are under consideration, and a Civil War diary is being transcribed. Book Sales totalled \$2,800.00, a most gratifying figure without benefit of new titles as the last *Books for Sale* list was issued in 1958.

We are working pretty close to our deadline on the *Bulletin* and to achieve a proper balance in subject matter, our Editor is forced to spend considerable time in research. There is no lack of material, but time is at a premium.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I must record my indebtedness to the officers and committee members who give so much time to the affairs of the Society. The staff, too, has given beyond what should be expected of them. The fantastic increase in telephone requests, correspondence, and the use of the collections has been efficiently handled. Naturally, certain things have suffered, notably the print and photograph, and the map and broadside collections. The solution, in the future, is a Curator in charge of this department. Despite Mr. Warren's energy, museum acquisitions accumulate faster than he can catalogue, repair and store them. Exhibitions demand much of his time, and we are both badly in need of secretarial assistance. At the earliest opportunity, these problems should be remedied.

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- Letterbook of Wall Manufacturing Company, of Bolton, bell makers.
- Letterbooks of J. & E. North, of Berlin, 1848-56, makers of tinsmiths' tools.
- Letters, documents, account books and family papers of the McClellan, Williams, and Trumbull families. (24 boxes and 100 account books)
- Letters, receipts, etc., of Asa Waterman, Assistant Commissary of Purchases, Providence, R.I., during the Revolutionary War. (37)
- Letters to Anson Dickinson, 1797-1851, miniature artist. (22)
- Letters to Jason Fenn Burr, of San Francisco, California, from his family, during the Gold Rush. (10)
- Letters to Messrs. G. & C. Merriam, of Springfield. (16)
- Map of Pomfret, n.d.
- Miscellaneous papers and documents of James Junius Morgan.
- Notebook kept by Thomas Wallace, of Derby, March-May 1853.
- Notebooks of Henry Wolcott, Jr., of Windsor, (partly in shorthand).
- Papers of Dudley B. Chapman, of Norwich, including accounts of a soap and candle factory.
- Revolutionary War claims and pay receipts of Connecticut soldiers. (15)
- Wyllys family papers, including letters by or concerning Major John Palsgrave Wyllys, and letters to Molly Wyllys from pupils at Miss Pierce's School in Litchfield. (75)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Condensation of report of

Allerton C. Hickmott, *Treasurer*

Report to: Mr. Newton C. Brainard, President
The Connecticut Historical Society
1 Elizabeth Street
Hartford 5, Connecticut

May 17, 1960

Dear Mr. Brainard:

Herewith is the report of operations and condition of The Connecticut Historical Society, prepared by the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company. Because of a change in the format of the report, it is somewhat difficult to make direct comparisons with the results of the previous year. It is safe to say, however, that income was improved. Modest security changes during the year produced a larger cushion for the Society. The market value of the Society's assets increased to a gratifying amount. The most important factor in the Society's continued good fortune is your own generosity and support. May I also add my personal thanks to those of the members.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT, *Treasurer*

UNRESTRICTED INCOME

Dues	\$ 5,187.25
Rental of auditorium and lecture hall	492.50
Genealogical Loan (net after postage)	17.00
Gifts, Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Charles G. Woodward Trust	9,485.23
Edwin H. Bingham Trust	214.94

ENDOWMENT FUNDS, INCOME UNRESTRICTED

	<i>Principal Book Value</i>	<i>Income</i>
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,023.70 ¹	\$ 34.53
Newton C. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1959-1960	102,350.12*	779.10
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequest November, 1926	91,750.67	5,265.05
Sophia F. Coc Fund, bequest April, 1916	1,406.40	80.71
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December, 1947, by Alain C. White	133.95	7.69
George Henry Fitts Fund in memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925	13,394.25	768.62
General Fund, established in 1849	17,551.46	951.25

James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October, 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	26,788.52	1,537.24
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	736.68	42.27
Jonas Coolidge Hills Fund, trust established by will in 1913, terminated 1954	74,385.78	4,268.58
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	6,697.12	384.31
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest December, 1923	10,715.40	614.89
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	6,697.12	384.31
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Miller in 1943 in memory of her father	5,602.04	321.47
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jonathan Flynt Morris, bequest, 1951	669.71	38.43
Edward B. Peck Fund, bequest October, 1928 ..	43,531.33	2,498.02
Harry H. Pinney Fund, bequest July, 1959	2,000.00*	
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	538.98	28.33
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000.00 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000.00	10,715.40	614.89
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	2,553.58	146.25
Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915 ..	7,232.90	415.06
Grace J. F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	6,697.12	384.31
Jane T. Smith Fund, bequest in 1930	1,339.43	76.87
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939 ..	13,394.25	768.62
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	8,170.49	468.86
Ada L. Taylor Fund, bequest in 1957	656.80	37.69
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	6,697.12	384.31
Tuttle Fund, bequest in 1940 of \$5,000.00 from Jane Tuttle and bequest in 1941 of \$4,925.00 from Ruel C. Tuttle	13,394.25	768.62
Alain C. White Fund, established 1954, partial receipt of bequest in 1951	3,348.57	192.15
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951 with gifts of \$5,000.00 in 1957, 1958, 1959 by Mrs. Albion B. Wilson	31,481.52	1,519.64
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950 ..	26,788.52	1,537.24
Principal unrestricted endowment	\$538,443.18	
Total unrestricted income		\$ 44,716.23

¹ Deposited in Savings Bank. Other funds share pro-rata in income of Consolidated Investments.

* Received during year.

LESS EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 2,726.08	
Binding	349.35	
Library supplies	996.92	
Microfilm	399.94	
Micropoint	1,100.00	
Miscellaneous (appraisals, consultants, exhibits, lectures, travel)	2,961.21	
Photostats	193.00	
Postage	1,284.74	
Museum and Library	500.00	
Printing	1,900.73	
Legal	750.00	
Salaries	30,020.00	
Social Security	517.37	
Total expenses		\$ 43,699.34
Surplus 4/29/60		1,016.89

ENDOWMENT FUNDS, INCOME RESTRICTED FOR BUILDING

	<i>Principal Book Value</i>	<i>Income</i>
George E. Hoadley Fund, bequest November, 1922	\$553,944.78	\$ 32,889.01
George Dudley Seymour Endowment Fund, be- quest 1945	41,924.02	2,405.78
Principal, restricted endowment, building	\$595,868.80	
Total restricted income, building		\$ 35,294.79

LESS BUILDING EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 2,171.35
American District Telegraph, burglar and fire alarms	1,150.00
Fuel	2,430.05
Gas	42.55
Insurance	1,500.00
Electricity	1,855.54
Repairs	1,475.86
Supplies	857.45
Water	74.12
Equipment	741.36
Grounds	1,488.31
Social Security	344.61
Miscellaneous	377.00
Telephone	513.72

Summer help	562.50	
Salaries	16,310.61	
Total expenses		\$ 31,895.03
Surplus 4/29/60		\$ 3,400.26

*ENDOWMENT FUNDS, INCOME RESTRICTED,
LIBRARY & MUSEUM*

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Balance</i>
George Buell Alvord Fund, established in December 1955 by Mrs. Muriel Alvord Ward of West Hartford in memory of her father, the income only to be used for acquisition of manuscript materials	\$ 13,381.86	\$ 767.91	
Fred H. Atchison Fund, established by gift September 5, 1942, the income to be used for the acquisition and care of prints and pictures	1,308.73	75.10	\$ 30.61
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from the sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i>	1,487.73	83.48	12.08
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from the sale of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy, Wethersfield Inscriptions, Boardman Ancestry, and Greenleaf Ancestry</i>	1,640.36	93.99	31.19
Lucy A. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1892 which is being further increased through the sale of books presented for the purpose by Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard and The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company	4,117.10	232.46	25.25
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund, established in 1925 by gift of the Society of one-half interest in remaining unsold copies of <i>Vital Records of Norwich</i>	386.03	21.80	7.65
Florence T. Gay Fund, bequest in 1953 for the care and increase of the Julius Gay Collection of Farmington manuscripts	2,747.79	157.68	
Charles J. Hoadly Fund, derived from sale of <i>Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> and Volume 3 of the <i>Public Records of the State of Connecticut</i>	5,470.17	311.32	58.91
Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and increase of coin collection	2,678.85	153.72	91.33
Library-Museum Fund, derived from sale of books presented in 1948 by Mrs. J. C. Hills, augmented by books from Barclay Robinson and Kenneth Lord	1,515.06	81.81	26.92
Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father	6,697.12	384.31	76.99
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from the sale of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris	206.81	11.87	10.65
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first librarian	8,814.26	505.81	
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sales of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i>	394.41	22.12	6.27

George Dudley Seymour Museum Fund, bequest in 1945 for the Seymour Collection	33,643.03	1,930.58	
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gifts in 1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	15,136.53	852.69	191.85*
Edwin Stanley Welles Fund, established in 1924 .	883.33	50.69	
Principal, restricted endowment, library & museum	\$100,509.17		
Total restricted income, library & museum .		\$5,737.54	
Balance restricted income, library & museum			\$186.00

* Overdrawn

ENDOWMENT FUND, INCOME RESTRICTED, PUBLISHING

	Principal	Income
Publication Fund, derived from gifts and admission fees	\$55,558.56	\$3,152.73
Sale of books		644.13
Transferred from General Fund Income, surplus		530.43
Total income restricted publishing		4,327.29
Less expense of <i>Bulletin</i>		4,327.29

TOTALS

	Principal	Income
Endowment, income unrestricted	\$ 538,443.18	\$ 25,319.31
Endowment, income restricted, building	595,868.80	35,294.79
Endowment, income restricted, library & museum	100,509.17	5,737.54
Endowment, income restricted, publishing	55,558.56	3,152.73
Total endowment	\$1,290,379.71	
Total endowment income		69,504.37
Miscellaneous unrestricted income (dues, Society's shares of C. G. Woodward & E. H. Bingham Trusts, rentals, gifts, etc.)		19,396.92
Total income		88,901.29

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO ENDOWMENT

Newton C. Brainard Fund	\$ 102,350.12
Harry H. Pinney Bequest	2,000.00
Mrs. Albion B. Wilson	5,000.00

Admission fees to Endowment	751.00
Net sale of books	710.98
Gain on sale of securities distributed pro-rata to funds	17,879.48
Total added to endowment	\$128,691.58
Gifts for specific purposes	14,263.45
State House Fund, Newton C. Brainard	33,232.29
Cataloguing, Newton C. Brainard	8,000.00
Rotary Club of Hartford, show cases for State House	1,000.00
Sale of publications	2,800.00
State Appropriation	1,000.00

CASH BALANCES

State Appropriation Fund	\$ 1,212.36
Newton C. Brainard Account	6,120.51
Ensworth Charitable Foundation	140.57
Ancient Vital Records Fund	408.00
General Fund Surplus Income	1,291.93
Building Funds Surplus Income	3,412.55
Restricted library and museum Funds Income	186.00
Publication Fund Surplus Income	7,329.71
Catalogue Fund	10,815.33
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	4,923.43
State House Fund	13,106.04
Flood Commission, payment for trees removed	6,794.01
	\$ 55,740.44

Respectfully submitted,

ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT, *Treasurer*

The account of the treasurer, with securities shown therein, has
been examined by me and found correct.

SAMUEL P. WILLIAMS

SHEPHERD M. HOLCOMBE

Auditors



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For the Museum, we are particularly interested in securing portraits, locally made furniture and fine specimens of the everyday articles of living which are so often worn out before anyone has thought of placing them in an institution. In this way we shall eventually have a complete picture of the changes in styles and customs in our State. Articles bearing labels of a Connecticut manufacturer are also highly desirable. The Acquisitions Committee will be pleased to consult with you concerning possible gifts or deposits.

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